

Fig. 1

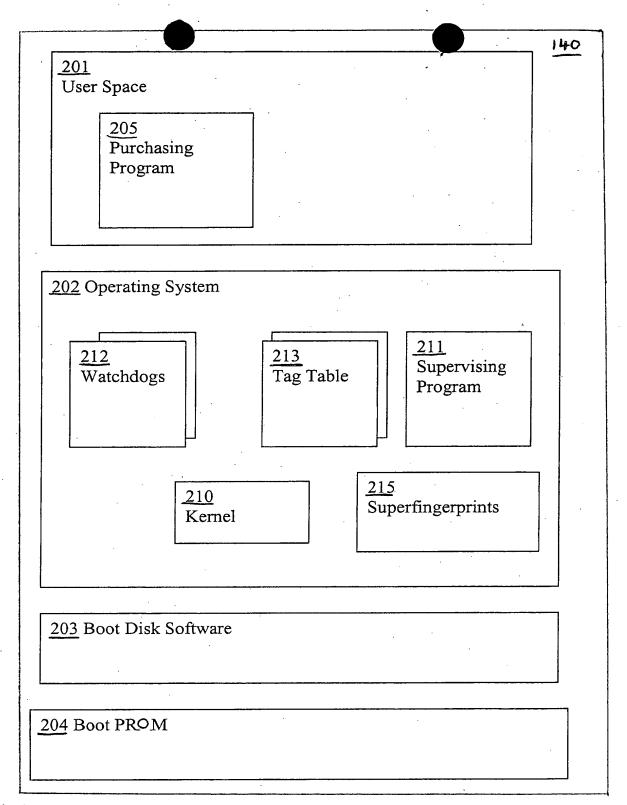


Fig. 2

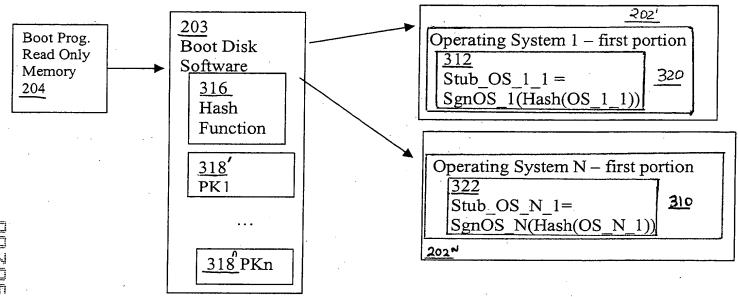
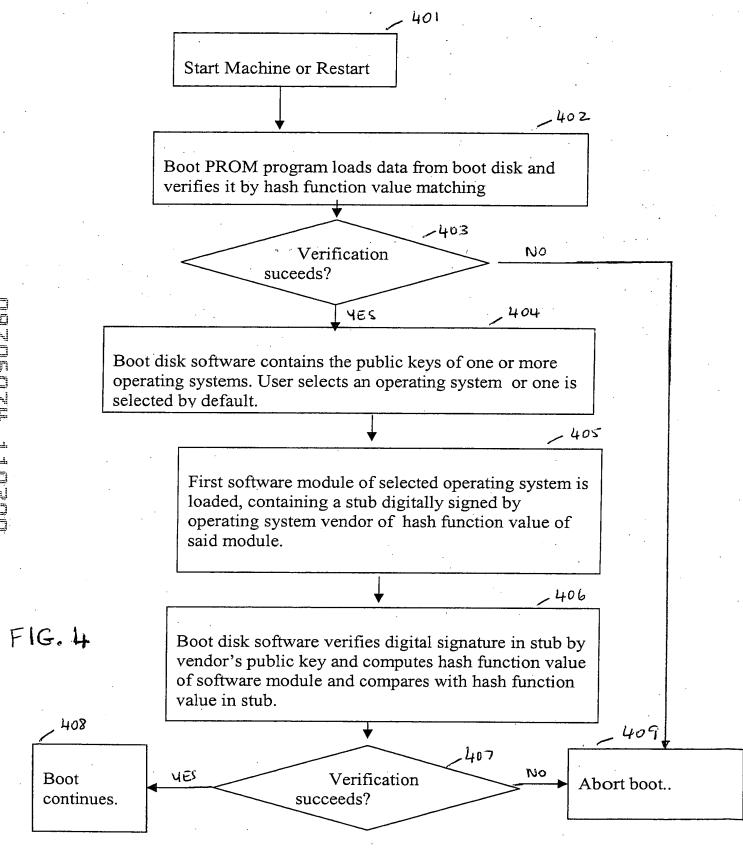


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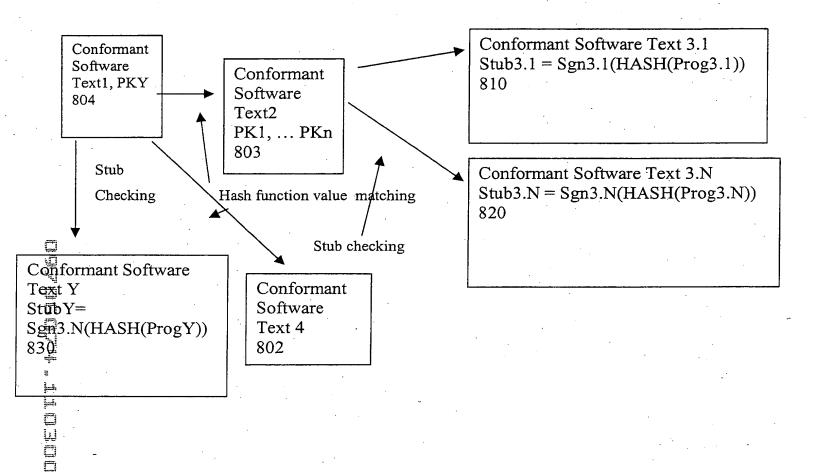


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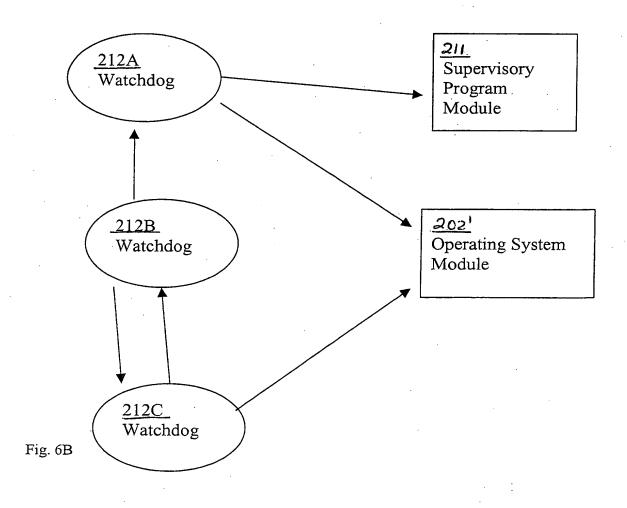


Fig. 6A

Watchdog Structure

Optional need-to-check test 532

Addresses to be checked 534

Hash functions 536

Hash function values 538

Watchdog actions 540

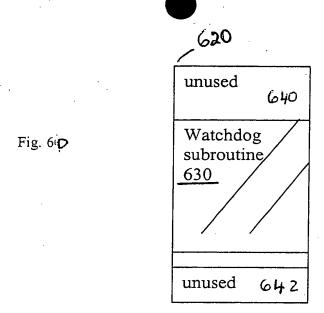
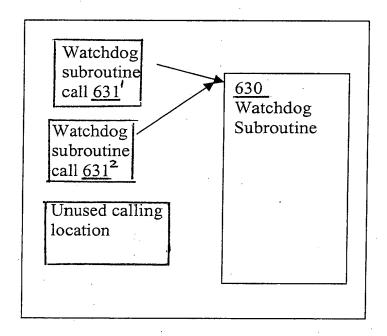


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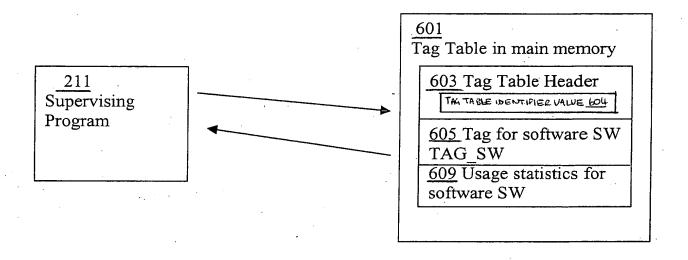


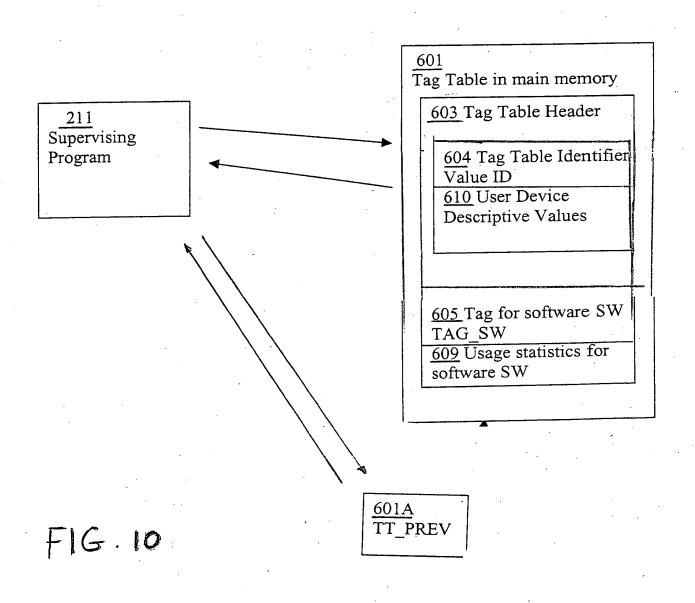
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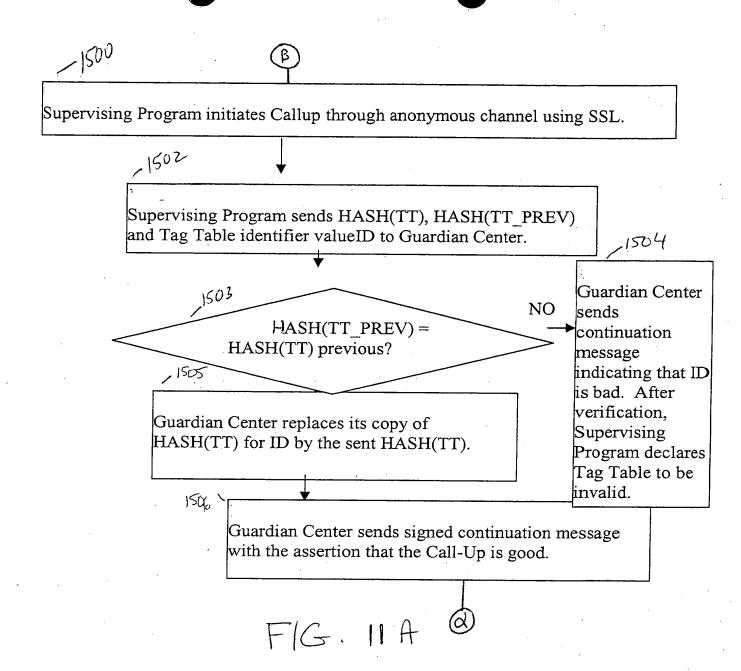
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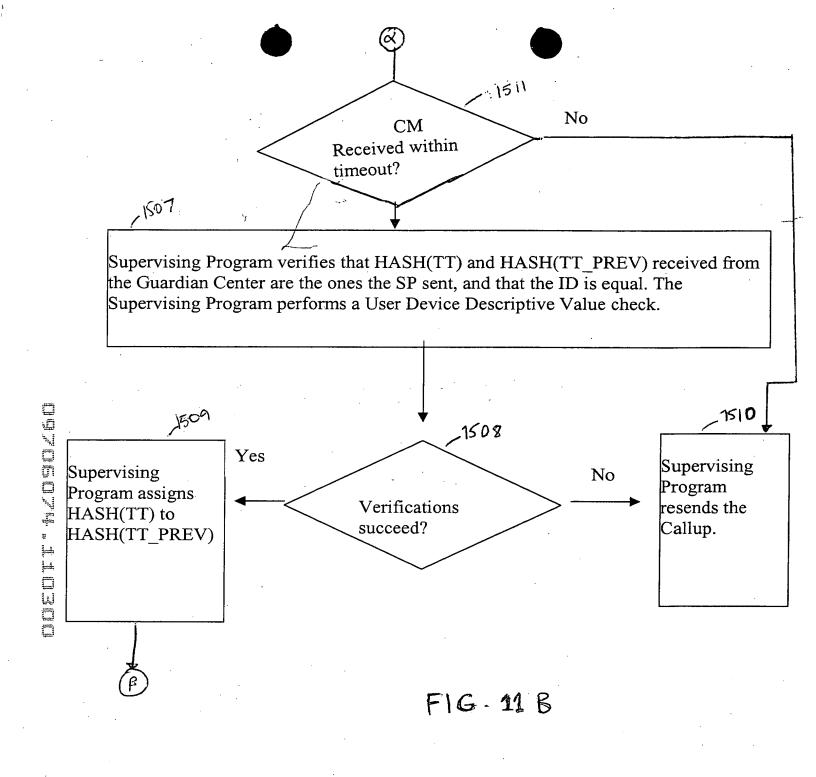
User Device's Supervising Program verifies that it has received the Vendor's digital signature on purchase order. If verification succeeds, then Supervisory Program places S and digitally signed message together forming the tag into the Tag Table having Tag Table Identifier Value ID. Otherwise, the Supervising Program aborts the protocol.

/1201 User Device's Supervising Program removes tag TAG SW from the Tag Table having identifier value ID. 1202 The User Device calls up the Vendor over an anonymous channel and sends Tag TAG SW. 1203 Vendor verifies that the Tag TAG\_SW properly represents data created during a software purchase transaction and verifies said Vendor's digital signature on TAG SW 1204 1205 No Abort Verification protocol. succeeds? 206 Yes Vendor sends a certificate of credit to the user device. 1207 Vendor sends TAG SW and ID to Guardian Center. Guardian Center places TAG SW in a linked list associated with the Tag Table Identifier value ID.

FIG. 9

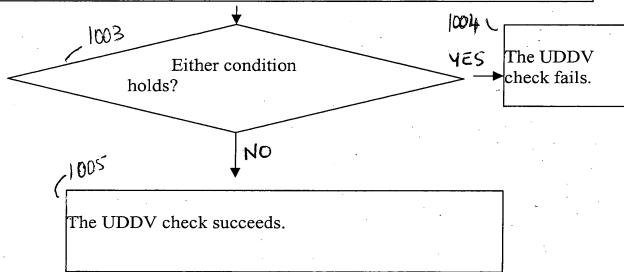


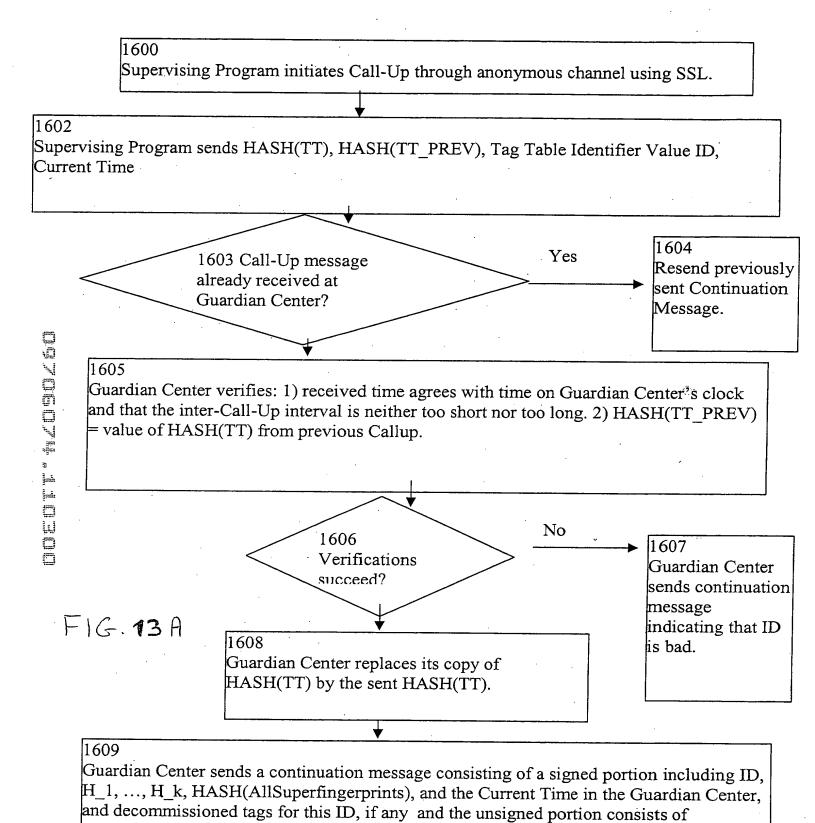




Check the following conditions:

- 1) User Device Descript ive Values that are not expected to change in the time elapsed between two successive Call-Ups have changed.
- 2) User Device Descriptive Values that may change undergo the following changes: three previously sent Tag Tables have the property that the Header of the earliest sent Tag Table contains changeable UDDVs whose configuration of values is C, a subsequently sent Tag Table where the corresponding stored UDDVs have a markedly different configuration of values C\_1, and a still later sent Tag Table where the corresponding stored UDDVs again have the configuration of values C



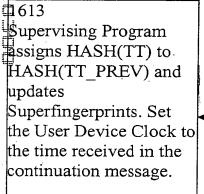


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NewSuperfingerprints.

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Upon receiving the Continuation Message, Supervising Program verifies that HASH(TT) (=H\_1) and HASH(TT\_PREV) (= H\_2) received from the Guardian Center are the ones the SP sent, and that the Tag Table Identifier Value ID is equal to the Tag Table Identifier Value associated with this Supervising Program. The Supervising Program further verifies that the hash function values of previous Tag Tables correspond to previously held Tag Tables in the User Device. The Supervising Program also performs a User Device Descriptive Value check. The Supervising Program also verifies that the consumption recorded in the Tag Table sequence is non-decreasing in time. SP also verifies that decommissioned tags sent from the Guardian Center are absent from Tag Table. The Supervising Program also verifies that the NewSuperfingerprints sent and the ones already present on User Device are consistent with HASH(AllSuperfingerprints).



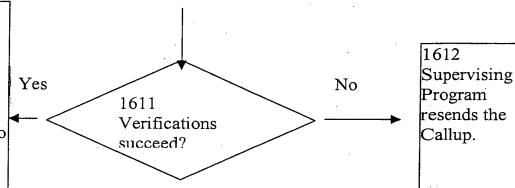


FIG. 13B

1410 Event Counter

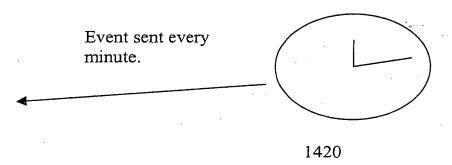


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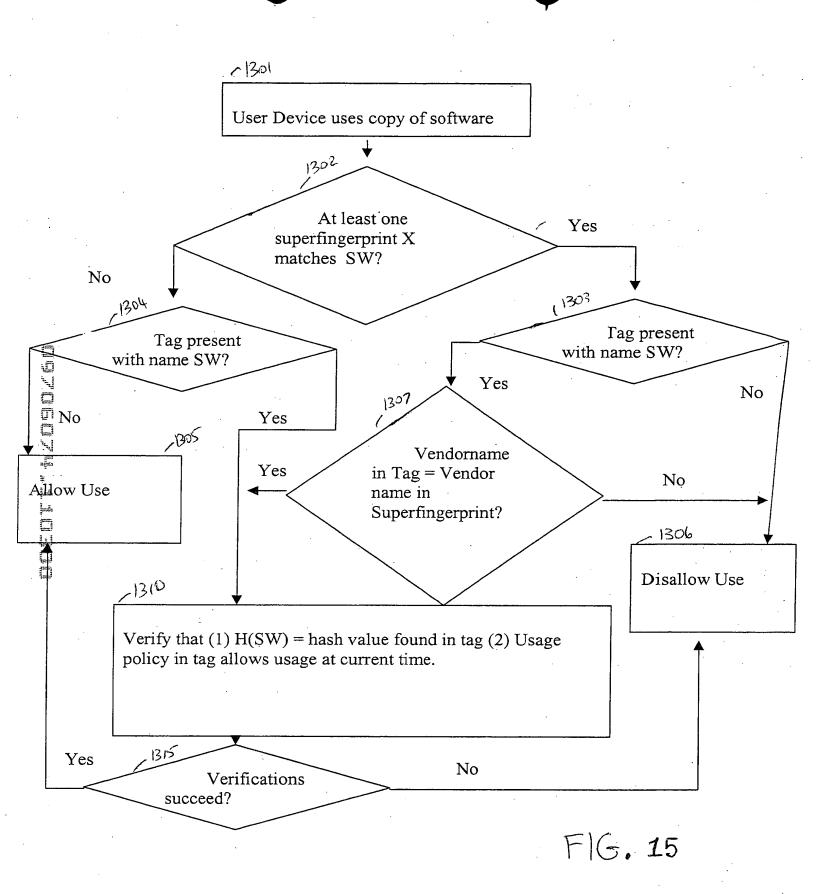


Fig 6 A



Supervising Program verifies the digital signature of the Guardian Center received in the Continuation Message. The Supervising Program further verifies that the Tag Table Identifier value ID, the NONCE value N, and CurT received from the Guardian Center are equal to the corresponding values prepared by the Supervising Program for its Call-Up. The Supervising Program may optionally check that CurT is close to the time as recorded in the Supervising Program. Finally, the Supervising Program computes the hash function value of all its already received Superfingerprints, including the currently received NewSuperfingerprints, and verifies that the corresponding field in the Continuation Message equals the computed hash function value.

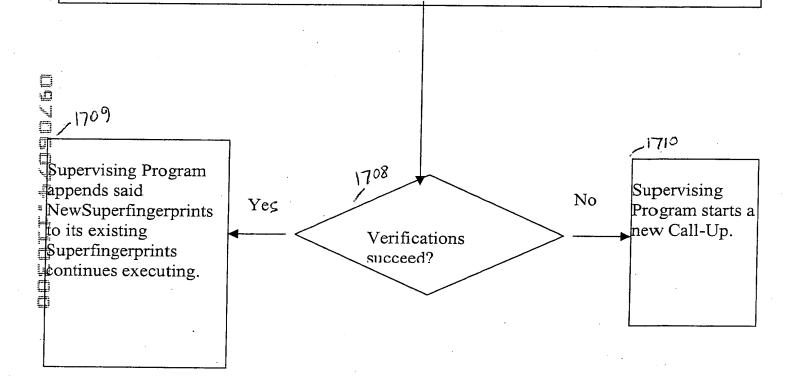


FIG. 16B